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Kentucky Labor Cabinet to Hold Free OSHA Training in Lexington to Help Workers, Employers

Free courses Aug. 25-28 at Clarion Hotel on Newtown Pike

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 18, 2014) – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet will hold free training courses from Aug. 25-28 on topics that will benefit nearly all types of workers and employers in Kentucky. The training will be held at the Clarion Hotel at 1950 Newtown Pike in Lexington.

Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of courses, including an overview of the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (KYOSH), respiratory protection, chemical hazard classification and labeling, bloodborne pathogen protection, powered industrial truck training requirements, recent changes in requirements for crane operators, injury and illness recordkeeping, and fire protection and prevention methods.

“Safety is good for business, and companies should never underestimate the value of keeping their employees up to speed on the latest safety training,” said Labor Secretary Larry L. Roberts. “These courses are free because we want to encourage employers to do everything they can to keep their workers safe and healthy.”

The courses include group-based and hands-on learning activities, and will feature presentations from the highly trained staff of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

To register online, click [here](#).

The free training program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

The following is a schedule of the training courses:

Monday, Aug. 25

Overview of the Kentucky OSH Program: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Topics of discussion include the operations of the KYOSH Program, including enforcement and voluntary compliance services, and safety and health topics currently considered for future standards and policies.

Respiratory Protection: 1 - 4 p.m.

This course will discuss the various types of respiratory equipment available, the limitations and capabilities of the various types of equipment, and the elements of an acceptable respiratory protection program.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Hazard Communication/GHS: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn about chemical hazard classification, written program requirements, container labeling, other forms of warning, safety data sheets and associated deadlines for the requirements under the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

Bloodborne Pathogens: 1 - 4 p.m.

Topics of discussion include applicable definitions, infection control, engineering and work practice controls involving bloodborne pathogens, such as hepatitis B virus and human immunodeficiency virus.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Powered Industrial Trucks: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will learn about the basic aspects of powered industrial trucks (primarily fork lifts), operator training requirements, safe truck operations (including traveling and safety belts), equipment modifications, and associated hazards.

Note: This course will not provide operator certification under 1910.178(L).

Crane Standard for Construction: 1 - 4 p.m.

This course addresses major training requirement changes which took effect on Nov. 8, 2010. The class provides a basic overview of mobile cranes, tower cranes and certifications requirements for crane operators. Topics also include requirements for riggers, electrical hazards and crane inspections.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Injury and Illness Recordkeeping: 8 a.m. - noon

This course is for those persons responsible for maintaining the revised injury and illness records. The forms 300, 301, 300A will be covered. The regulations and guidelines for recordkeeping will be discussed, as well as the compliance directive the KYOSH compliance officer will use to evaluate a company's records. A recordkeeping example workshop will be part of the course, time permitting.

Note: For this course, continuing education units are available from Eastern Kentucky University's OSHA Training Institute Education Center.

Fire Protection: 1- 4 p.m.

Participants will learn how to develop and implement effective emergency action and fire prevention plans, as well as maintain exit routes. Classification of fires, fire extinguishment methods, fire detection systems and employee alarm systems also will be addressed.

About the free training courses

Each year the Labor Cabinet presents a series of cost-free courses at major population centers throughout Kentucky. These courses are for both employers and employees, and are typically given over a one-week period in each population center. The courses are designed to outline the requirements contained in the various subparts of the general industry and construction standards, covering both safety and health issues.

Previous training sessions have been held this year in Louisville, Somerset and Owensboro. The final scheduled training session of 2014 will be in October at Builders Exchange in Louisville. The complete [schedule](#) is available on the Labor Cabinet's website, www.labor.ky.gov.

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